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SUBJ: NMA PROPOSED PROJECT IN ECONOMIC INSTRUCTION AT
AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF MADRID

1. ALEJANDRO LORCA, DEAN OF ECONOMIC FACULTY, AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF MADRID (UAM), HAS PROPOSED AN INSTITUTIONAL LINK WITH THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT (CSED) AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY. LORCA WROTE THE CSED DIRECTOR CHARLES MEYER SEVERAL MONTHS AGO OUTLINING THE EXCHANGE, BUT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED A RESPONSE. COULD THE DEPARTMENT CHECK WITH MEYER TO ASCERTAIN HIS INTEREST? FYI LORCA IS FORMER RESEARCHER AT CSED.

2. PROPOSED PROJECT ENVISIONS 2 OR MORE AMERICAN ECONOMISTS FROM CSED, OR RECRUITED BY CSED, TEACHING POST-GRADUATE SEMINARS AT UAM FOR ONE SEMESTER EACH. ANTICIPATE THAT BOTH, OR AT LEAST ONE, ECONOMIST WOULD BEGIN TEACHING IN JANUARY 1976. IN ADDITION, VISITING SPECIALIST WOULD WORK PART-TIME WITH A GOVERNMENT MINISTRY AS AN ECONOMICS ADVISOR. SINCE ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION HAS NEVER BEEN TAUGHT IN SPAIN, UAM WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN PROJECT WITH THAT SPECIALTY, FOLLOWED EITHER BY HEALTH ECONOMICS OR AGRARIAN ECONOMICS. MIN. EDUCATION HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED ITS INTEREST IN COOPERATING WITH UAM, BOTH IN PROVIDING MID-CAREER OFFICIALS FOR POSTGRADUATE SEMINARS, AND IN ORGANIZING CONSULTANTSHIP. THOUGH SPANISH LANGUAGE CAPABILITY PREFERRED, IT NOT NECESSARY REQUISITE.

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3. APPROXIMATELY \$23,000 SET ASIDE IN NMA TO FUND PROJECT FIRST YEAR. LONG-RANGE PLANS ARE THAT THIS EXCHANGE IN TEACHERS AND STUDENTS WOULD LAST 3-5 YEARS. UAM WOULD LIKE EXCHANGE PROJECT TO INCLUDE POST-GRADUATE STUDY IN HUMAN RESOURCES FIELD AT CSED FOR A FEW SELECT UAM INSTRUCTORS, WHO WOULD RETURN TO SPAIN TO TEACH IN THOSE SPECIALTIES. UAM WOULD PROVIDE SOME OR ALL OF FUNDING FOR STUDENT EXCHANGE.

4. IF CSED NOT INTERESTED IN THIS EXCHANGE PROPOSAL, COULD DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND SOME ALTERNATE INSTITUTIONS? YOUR ASSISTANCE APPRECIATED.
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